

**MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
JULY 31, 2002**

Members Present: Matthew Smith, Chairman; Per Bang-Jensen, Vice-Chairman; Harry Atherton; Laurence Mason; Ann McCarty; John Pulsinelli; Dave Cabbage and Liz Cook.

Members Absent: R. E. Moore

Resignations: Gary Christie

Guests Present: Jeff Walker; Larry Lehman; Dennis McMullen; Larry Ayers; Blair Cantrell; Lee Cantrell; Jim Cantrell and Nick Buranych.

1. Consider Approval of June 26, 2002 Committee Meeting Minutes.

Matthew Smith stated that in order to avoid confusion, the following change should be made to Item #9 in the June 26, 2002 Committee meeting minutes.

Item #9:

On motion made by Harry Atherton and seconded by Matthew Smith, it was moved to forward a Resolution to the Board of Supervisors recommending that a letter be written to the School Board requesting that flashing ~~lights~~ sign posts be installed at Liberty High School. The motion carried unanimously.

Item #7:

Bob Moore stated that new requests should not be accepted since the total amount of money available for Rural Road additions is down considerably. Per Bang-Jensen stated that there is no easy solution, but the Committee's primary responsibility should be to address public roads with public safety issues ~~look at roads with public safety issues~~ and further suggested that the Committee's primary responsibility should be to address public roads with safety issues might take a look at what other jurisdictions are doing in this regard. ***Bob Moore stated that he will provide the Committee with a copy of a list indicating the status of Rural Road addition requests. Wendy West stated that she would like to have a copy also.***

Harry Atherton stated that while he feels a moratorium might be premature, it would be appropriate for the Committee to establish a policy so as to limit the number of requests. (JULY AGENDA ITEM – TO BE ITEM #1)

On motion made by Harry Atherton and seconded by Ann McCarty, it was moved to approve the June 26, 2002 Committee meeting minutes with the above changes. The motion carried unanimously.

Matthew Smith stated Gary Christie has accepted a position as Administrator with New Kent County. ***Mr. Smith will draft a letter of thanks for Mr. Christie's hard work and e-mail it to Liz Cook.*** Mr. Smith further stated that Jeff Walker may be taking Mr. Christie's place on the Committee.

2. *Make a Recommendation on Taking Baldwin Ridge Subdivision Roads Into State System (South Run Road, Honeysuckle Road and Valley Drive) – Wendy West. (Item #3)*

John Pulsinelli stated that he has had an opportunity to look at the roads in Baldwin Ridge Subdivision but because of the limited funds (\$98,000), he cannot in good conscience ask the Committee to recommend spending the full amount on this project. Mr. Pulsinelli further stated that he may be able to recommend spending one-half of the available funds on Honeysuckle Road, but that the money should be spent for the greatest public good. If the Committee can find a better match for the dollars he would recommend another project.

Dave Cubbage provided the Committee with a cost estimate of \$229,000 to accept Honeysuckle Road, which would be the least expensive of the three (3) roads, into the State system. Mr. Cubbage stated that this estimate is based on the assumptions that 1) the right-of-way is free and clear so that VDOT would not have to purchase any right-of-way; 2) utilities must be relocated, which cannot be done with money from the Rural Addition program. This estimate is based on accepting a 0.14 mile portion with minimum standards. There are six (6) lots on this portion of Honeysuckle Road.

Larry Lehman asked why this estimate differs from the previous one given by Bob Moore. Dave Cubbage stated that Mr. Moore's preliminary figures did not include costs to add fill to the incline of Honeysuckle Road; embankments required based on fill, bench, compact sub-asphalt and asphalt.

Harry Atherton asked about pave-in-place. Dave Cubbage stated that the project would have to be an existing State road in order to qualify for pave-in-place.

Sam Poles asked if the owners of the subdivision could contribute to the project. Dave Cubbage stated that the residents could build the road for VDOT to take into the State system. VDOT would then have the opportunity to review the plans, entrance permit and land disturbing permit to determine if the road qualifies.

Larry Lehman stated that he believes either the right-of-way exists for all roads in the Baldwin Ridge Subdivision or Hillside Drive was illegally taken in the 1970's. Mr. Lehman stated that he feels the County has some responsibility for ownership. Harry Atherton stated that ownership is not the Committee's issue.

Harry Atherton stated that unless the residents help with the expenses, this project probably would not be funded in future years. However, it was noted that the residents have the option of presenting their request to the Committee in the future.

On motion made by John Pulsinelli and seconded by Harry Atherton it was moved not to expend funds this year to make improvements to these roads or to make "band-aid" changes to Honeysuckle Road. The motion carried unanimously.

3. *Discussion of Lake Drive Options Related to the Development of the Brookside Community. (Item #4)*

Matthew Smith stated that he received a letter dated July 15, 2002 from Larry Ayers requesting that the Committee consider Option 4 along with Options 1 and 5. Mr. Smith reminded the Committee that Rick Carr has asked to have the options reviewed and make a final recommendation to the Board of Supervisors between August and November.

John Pulsinelli stated that he does not have any objection to considering Options 2 and 4. However, Mr. Pulsinelli further stated that he is representing 15,000± people in Scott District and Option 4 is

not the one he would like recommended to the Board of Supervisors because of concerns about ingress/egress for members of the community and emergency vehicles.

Harry Atherton stated that Brookside was approved with approximately 900 single-family lots and the Committee must now determine how much access those homes should have to Lake Drive, which is an existing community, and what is the best plan to both reduce the impact on Lake Drive as well as to leave a balanced transportation network for all of New Baltimore, including the 900 new homes and all of the existing homes.

Larry Ayers stated that he does not feel any of the options are feasible and presented an Option 6, which he has discussed with fire and rescue personnel. Mr. Ayers stated that he would like to see 3 and 4-way stop signs in order to discourage through traffic.

On motion made by Per Bang-Jensen and seconded by Ann McCarty, it was moved to table this item until the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. *Consider Recommending a Limitation on Future Rural Addition Requests. (Item #2)*

Per Bang-Jensen suggested that the Committee talk with neighboring counties to find out their procedures for considering rural additions.

Dave Cubbage provided the Committee with a list of requests that have been filled since 1969. ***Mr. Cubbage will forward a copy of the State's policy on Rural Additions to Liz Cook.***

On motion made by Harry Atherton and seconded by Ann McCarty, it was moved to postpone consideration of this item and think about rural addition. The motion carried unanimously.

5. *Consider a Request for a Sound Barrier for the Poplar Grove Subdivision – Jon Whichard.*

Harry Atherton stated that a policy needs to be developed concerning sound barrier requests. Bob Moore and Dave Cubbage will assist in developing this policy.

6. *Consider a Request for a Sound Barrier for the Lake Whippoorwill Subdivision.*

See Item #5.

7. *Other Items*

Jeff Walker discussed a proposal for the completion of a detailed Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan on behalf of a PD9 regional transportation website, to be developed in collaboration with the VDOT Culpeper District Office, Culpeper and Warrenton Residencies, Transportation Planning Division and PD9 area localities.

Mr. Walker stated that the proposed PD9 Interactive Website is regarded as a means not only of increasing public participation in and awareness of the regional transportation planning process through the exchange of up-to-date information, but of enhancing data sharing among localities in pursuit of a more coordinated regional planning effort. It is also seen as a unique opportunity for collaboration among area planners, the Planning District and Transportation Planning Division personnel, and cost-effective pilot study for other regions that may be interested in expanding upon their web-based delivery of related maps and data.

On motion made by Matthew Smith and seconded by Ann McCarty, it was moved to cancel the Committee's August meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Atherton advised the Committee of his concerns about the design of the stop light in Marshall and the blinking light in Delaplane.

Mr. Cabbage advised that he will look into available options. He advised that the Town of Warrenton has different design options as a municipality. VDOT does not consider aesthetics, but Mr. Cabbage indicated he would look at the options.

There was a discussion about access to the Bealeton library site and the eligibility of Willow Drive to be accepted into the State system.

Mr. Mason asked about a future traffic light at Routes 17 and 806 at Pete's Park and Eat in Morrisville.

Mr. Bang-Jensen wanted the Committee to recognize Bill Jones' service to the County and suggested that the Committee ask Supervisor Weeks to sponsor a resolution to commend Mr. Jones. The Committee agreed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.